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FOR CIVIL COORDINATORS WAKE ISLAND FOR STATE REP

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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES

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1. CONGRESS HASMADE CLEAR THAT BURDEN OF RESETTLEMENT OF CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES MUST BE SHARED BY THIRD COUNTRIES WITH US. MOREOVER, TO ENABLE MORE REFUGEES ABROAD TO BE BROUGHT INTO U.S. SYSTEM, WE NEED TO MOVE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OUT OF US SYSTEM TO THIRD COUNTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CANADA HAS NOW BEGUN PROGRAM TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FROM U.S. SYSTEM. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) IS PROMOTING RESETTLEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND WILL SUPPORT OTHER THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT. SEVERAL SMALLER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE ALREADY DOING THEIR SHARE. WE WILL SOON BE MAKING DEMARCHES TO OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT ACCEPTING REFUGEES, INCLUDING BOTH THOSE EXPRESSING DESIRE TO GO TO SPECIFIC THIRD COUNTRIES AND OTHERS WHOM THIRD COUNTRIES MAY ACCEPT. UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT. WE HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE UNHCR LISTS OF NAMES OF PERSONS REQUESTING THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT WHICH WILL ALSO BE USEFUL FOR

OUR BILATERAL DEMARCHES.

2. WE ESTIMATE FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED IN SITREPS THAT ROUGHLY, ABOUT 4,000 REFUGEES IN THE CONUS SYSTEM (I.E., NOT INCLUDING PACIFIC CENTERS) HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED DESIRE TO GO TO THIRD COUNTRIES, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED OR MOVED. THERE APPEAR TO BE DISPARITIES, HOWEVER, IN THE REPORTING OF THE SITREPS FROM DIFFERENT CAMPS ON NUMBER DESIRING RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES. THIS COULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES SINCE THE FIGURES ARE USED NOT

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ONLY BY IATF, BUT ALSO FOR CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY AND OTHER PURPOSES. IN PARTICULAR, SECTION THREE OF SITREP, WHICH IS THE SECTION WE USE IN PREPARING STATISTICS ON REFUGEES DESIRING TO GO TO THIRD COUNTRIES, APPEARS TO BE FILLED OUT BY GUAM AND CHAFFEE IN DIFFERENT MANNER FROM WHAT OTHER RECEPTION CENTERS ARE DOING. GUAM APPEARS TO BE USING CUMULATIVE FIGURES, SINCE IT SHOWS IN SITREP 182000Z, 6,228 OPTING FOR THIRD COUNTRIES OF TOTAL REFUGEE POPULA-

TION OF 6,526. ARE THERE IN FACT STILL 608 PERSONS ON GUAM OPTING FOR AUSTRALIA? CINCPAC, IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE TASK FORCE ON THE SAME DAY, JULY 18, GAVE A TOTAL OF 750 REFUGEES ON GUAM OPTING FOR THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT, A MORE LIKELY FIGURE THAN SOME 6,000. IF THERE ARE OVER 6,000 STILL ON GUAM, THIS RAISES OVERALL TOTAL OF REFUGEES REQUESTING THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT TO 10,000. CHAFFEE IN SECTION 3 BREAKS DOWN UNPROCESSED REFUGEES BY COUNTRY, BUT DOES NOT BREAK DOWN BY COUNTRY REFUGEES STILL THERE WHO HAVE BEEN PROCESSED TO GO TO A THIRD COUNTRY.

3. REFTEL INSTRUCTION ON SECTION THREE OF SITREPS REQUESTS IN PARAGRAPH A NUMBER OF REFUGEES REQUESTING THIRD-COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT, BY COUNTRY. THIS SHOULD REFER ONLY TO THOSE REFUGEES STILL IN THE CAMP WHO ARE NOT PROCESSED. THE NEXT PARAGRAPH, PARAGRAPH B, NUMBER FULLY PROCESSED FOR THIRD COUNTRY, BY COUNTRY, SHOULD SHOW THE NUMBER OF THOSE NOT INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPH A WHO HAVE THEIR LAISSEZ-PASSER, VISAS, OR OTHER ACCEPTANCES NECESSARY TO ENTER THEIR PREFERRED COUNTRY, BUT HAVE NOT YET LEFT THE CAMP. IN OTHER WORDS, PARAS A AND B SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OVERLAP. SITREPS SHOULD BE ADJUSTED IMMEDIATELY TO REFLECT THESE CRITERIA.

4. SECONDLY, CAMPS SHOULD ESTABLISH SYSTEM BY JULY 31 TO MAINTAIN IN CAMPS LISTS OF NAMES, AGES, AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, SKILLS AND REASONS FOR OPTING FOR A PARTICULAR COUNTRY (E.G., NAME OF RELATIVE RESIDING THERE, SPONSOR OR JOB OFFERED, LANGUAGE ABILITY, ETC.) OF THOSE DESIRING RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES, GROUPED BY COUNTRY. LISTS SHOULD INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF FAMILY WITH

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SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT SINCE ICEM IS PREPARING THOSE DOSSIERS. THOSE WISHING TO GO TO FRANCE AND CANADA SHOULD ALSO NOT, REPEAT NOT BE INCLUDED BECAUSE OF NUMBERS INVOLVED. IF PRIORITIES MUST BE ESTABLISHED, WE WOULD PREFER INITIAL LISTING OF THOSE WANTING TO GO TO EUROPEAN (EXCEPT CANADA AND FRANCE), AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AFRICAN AND NEAR EAST AREAS. REFUGEES OPTING FOR HONG KONG, JAPAN, SINGAPORE, PHILIPPINES, OKINAWA, AND MALAYSIA PRESENT MAJOR PROBLEMS AND THEREFORE ARE PRESENTLY LOWER PRIORITY.

5. LISTS WOULD BE TENTATIVE AT FIRST, TO BE ADDED TO IF OTHER PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE OPTED FOR A PARTICULAR COUNTRY. REFUGEES ARE FREE TO OPT FOR MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY, BUT SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO.

6. WE REALIZE THAT LISTING BY NAME MAY IMPOSE ADDED BURDENS TO THE CENTERS. SOME CENTERS, AS IS SHOWN BY PENDLETON'S CABLE ON THE PERSONS WISHING TO REJOIN RELATIVES IN WEST GERMANY, MAY ALREADY HAVE THE BASIS FOR SUCH STATISTICS. THE SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR SHOULD DEVELOP THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION.

7. LISTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT CAMPS WHILE IATF PURSUES CONTACTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, INITIALLY ONLY WITH NUMBERS TO TRY TO ARRANGE FOR RESETTLEMENT THERE. ONCE WE HAVE FEEDBACK FROM THOSE COUNTRIES, WE WILL ASK CAMPS TO PROVIDE LISTS OF NAMES AND OTHER DATA. KISSINGER

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